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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR MUMBAI SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PROJECT STAGE - II
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Mandlik Shri Sadashivrao Dadoba

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Mahrashtra for getting a loan from the World Bank for the Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project, Stage-II

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the said proposal; and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra has forwarded the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II to the Ministry of Urban Development at an estimated cost of Rs.2376 Crore for seeking the World Bank assistance.

(c) and (d) Above project proposal was recommended by Ministry of Union Development to Deptt. of EconomoOn technical observations of Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization, financial phasing, commitment to provide adequate counter part funds and debt sustainability. Govt. of Maharashtra had also requested Deptt. of Economic Affairs for engagement with the World Bank for preparing a 5 year business plan to realize the vision of transforming Mumbai into a world class city. That Department requested the World Bank to field a dedicated multi-sectoral team, for drafting out a comprehensive strategy and envisaging bank support with contributions from other agencies. The World Bank has confirmed its willingness to work with the Cities1 various stakeholders. Deptt. of Economic Affairs has suggested to Government of Maharashtra that it would be appropriate to include the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II in the design of comprehensive multi-sectoral plan proposed for Mumbai City, since the State at present, does not appear to have any additional debt capacity.